

REQUEST

FOR

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL

Application Number	09/611,383
Filing Date	July 7, 2000
Confirmation Number	8478
First Named Inventor	Joshua H. Bretz
Group Art Unit	2838
Examiner Name	B. Vu
Attorney Docket Number	1465.1003-004

Subject (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted

- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on [].
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on [].
- iii. ☐ Other -- [].

b. ☒ Enclosed

- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time - [2] months with copy
- v. ☐ Other -- [].

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other -- [].

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ A check is enclosed for the following fees in the total amount of \$1160.00
OR

☐ Authorization is granted to charge the following fees in the total amount of \$[] to Deposit Account No. 08-0380. A copy of this document is enclosed for accounting purposes

- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 03/04/2003 SZENDIE1 00000040 09611383
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 011FC:1801 750.00 OP
- iii. ☐ Amendment Fee
- iv. ☐ Other -- [].

b. ☒ Authorization is hereby granted to charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-0380. A copy of this document is enclosed for accounting purposes.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED

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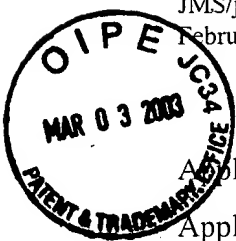
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 2327
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

[] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.

[] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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* not fewer than 20
** not fewer than 3

SMALL ENTITY		
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X	\$ 9	\$
X	\$42	\$
+	\$140	\$

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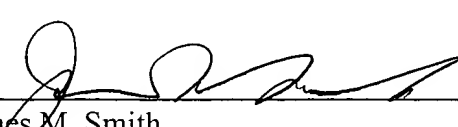
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☒ A general authorization is hereby granted to charge Deposit Account No. 08-0380 for any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 in order to maintain pendency of this application. A copy of this authorization is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 23, 2002 in the above-identified application.

Applicant thanks Examiner Vu for a helpful telephone interview with the undersigned and Dr. Schlecht on February 13, 2003. Based on that interview further amendments are set forth below.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 12 and 56. Amendments to the claims are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (page i).